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**WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF HEALTH**

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**TO:** Washington State Board of Health Members

**FROM:** Craig McLaughlin, Executive Director

**SUBJECT: DRAFT STATEMENT OF BOARD POLICY ON POSSIBLE 2007  
LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

**Background and Summary**

State Board of Health Policy 2001-001 creates a procedure for monitoring legislative issues during session. It also establishes processes for communication between Board members and the Legislature. The policy (see attached) calls for the creation of a Board policy statement that would inform the activities of staff and individual Board members as issues came up during a legislative session.

At its December 2006 meeting, the Board reviewed a preliminary draft of a policy statement based on the previous statement and a staff assessment of issues that are likely to arise during the 2007 session. During the discussion, the Board did not request changes except to request that the footnote concerning large onsite septic systems be moved in the body of the document.

Based on that feedback, the Governor's budget proposal, and any additional information I have received since about the likely legislative agenda, I have developed a final draft for possible adoption at today's meeting (see attached). If adopted by the Board, the "Statement of Board Policy on Possible 2007 Legislative Issues" will serve as a guidance document for the 2007 legislative session, which convened January 8.

**Recommended Board Action**

The Board may wish to consider, amend if necessary, and adopt the following motion:

***Motion: The Board adopts the Statement of Board Policy on Possible 2007 Legislative Issues as submitted on January 10, 2007.***